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INDEPENDENCE POLICE OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTING TO DISTRIBUTE STEROIDS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., police officer pleaded guilty today to attempting to sell anabolic steroids to a fellow police officer.

Timothy M. Kamer, 29, of Independence, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to attempting to distribute anabolic steroids, a Schedule III controlled substance. **Kamer** was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City on September 11, 2002. **Kamer**, a police officer, is currently suspended from the Independence, Mo., Police Department.

Kamer approached a fellow officer in the Independence, Mo., Police Department last February, Graves said, and offered to sell him anabolic steroids to enhance the officer's bodybuilding. **Kamer** agreed to obtain steroids from a source in St. Louis for \$450. Although **Kamer** allegedly accepted the \$450 payment, Graves said, he later told the officer that he was unable to obtain the steroids from his source.

As a result of his plea agreement, **Kamer** may be subject to a sentence of up to five years in prison without parole, to be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled sometime after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark A. Miller. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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